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Dear BLM State Director:

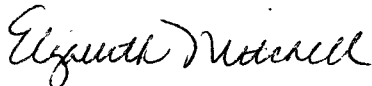
Regarding the possible leases on the slopes of Livingston Peak south of the town of Livingston, Montana (five parcels MTM 108952-FT and MTM 108952-FU):

This area on the edge of the Absaroka Mountains is part of the Greater Yellowstone Area. Livingston is the original gateway town to Yellowstone National Park. As such, this area should be included in what Senator Jon Tester has described in the Yellowstone Gateway Protection Act that has been introduced in Congress.

Oil leases that might lead to fracking in this area will have many already-identified impacts, and could lead to some totally unexpected and very devastating impacts. The area is seismic, and it has been documented that fracking increases seismic activity. Thousands of people (indeed most of us in Park County) rely on the Yellowstone River for agricultural water needs, recreation, and livelihood. We will be positioned to be harmed if drilling occurs in this area and something goes wrong.

There are enough cases of oil spills, contaminated water, and other environmental impacts with oil/gas production to support protection of certain areas. This is one of those areas. Please pull these designated parcels from consideration for possible oil leases.

Sincerely,



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